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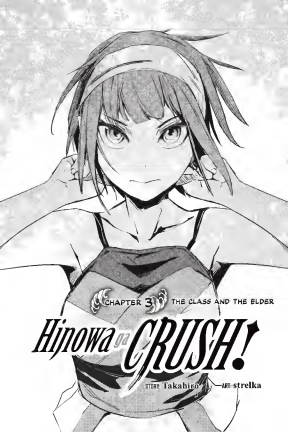
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Hinowa ga CRUSH!

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CHAPTER 3 THE CLASS AND THE ELDER

Hinowa **GRUSH!**

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YEAH, WELL, YOU'RE NOT A PART OF THE FISHING COLLECTIVE.



DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE LOWBALLING ME ON THIS DEAL?



DOUBLE-FOLD CLANS MAY BE RARE, BUT THE RULES ARE STILL THE SAME, HINOWA.

HAHA



BUT THERE WERE SIX DOUBLE-FOLD CLANS IN THERE.

YOU KNOW THESE ARE THE PRICES YOU GET WHEN YOU'RE OUTSIDE THE COLLECTIVE.



LOOKS
LIKE
YOU GOT
A BIG
CATCH.

YOU
DON'T!

—CATCH
THEM IN
THE WATERS
AROUND THE
VILLAGE, OR
DID YOU?



...IF YOU AGREE
TO SHUT DOWN
TO ALL OF US,
I'LL LET YOU
BACK INTO
THE FISHING
COLLECTIVE,
HINDWA.



THAT
IS
JUST
HOW
IT IS.

BUT...NO
MATTER
HOW
MUCH I
BRING IN
THERE...



I STAYED
CLEAR OF
THE COL-
LECTIVE'S
TERRITORY.

I WENT
WAY OUT
INTO THE
SEA FOR
THIS.



DON'T GO DEMANDING A COMMISSION WHEN YOU'RE NOT EVEN GROWN UP YET!

THAT'S HOW LONG IT TAKES TO BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED FISHER!

IT'S STANDARD PRACTICE THAT YOU YOUNGSTERS HAVE A TRAINING PERIOD OF ABOUT TEN YEARS.



WE STARTED OFF AT THE BOTTOM TOO. WE HAD TO DO ALL THE GRUNT WORK.



BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU MIGHT HAVE ANOTHER SNAPPED LINE TO DEAL WITH...HEH HEH.



LIKE HOW HARD IT IS HAVING TO MEND YOUR TOOLS.

IT MUST BE HARD STRIKING OUT ON YOUR OWN, HINOWA.

YEAH.











YEAH, THEY ARE GOOD GUYS, THOUGH I'M STRONGER!

MMMP



THAT MUST'VE BEEN KLIME.

YOW!!



SORRY, AKAME.

...AND RIGHT AFTER I CALLED HIM A GOOD GUY.



IT'S
FINE.

I
KNOW
ALL
ABOUT
THAT
TYPE.



NOW.

COME
ON IN.

I ONLY
DID WHAT
ANYBODY
WOULD
DO.



THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH FOR
HEALING
MY
WOUNDS.



I'M
SUZUMARU
NICE TO
MEET
YOU.

I'M
HISAME.



PEOPLE
CALL
ME THE
ELDER.

...THOUGH
THERE ARE
MANY WHO
CALL ME
STRANGE.



...THOSE
ARE FALSE
CHARGES.

SAYS YOU
WITH THE
BANDAGES
ON.

I'M
KUNIE-
HACHI!
AND I KNOW
THERE'S A
RUMOR GOING
AROUND THAT
I WAS THE
ONE PEEKING
IN ON YOU
BATHING LAST
NIGHT,
BUT...

...
ALTHOUGH
YOU HAVE
TO PASS AN
AREA OF
THE OCEAN
ALWAYS
RAGING WITH
STORMS...

I HEAR
THERE
ARE LOTS
OF GIANT
FREAKS
WHEN YOU
GO FAR
TO THE
WEST BY
SEA...



IT'S
TRUE.

I HAD
A LARGE
SHIP TAKE
ME THAT
FAR.



I MUST
SAY I'M
SURPRISED.



I UNDER-
STAND YOU
CROSSED THE
GREAT SEA
FROM THE
FAR REACHES
OF THE WEST
TO GET HERE,
AKAME.



AFTER
THAT, I
ROWED OUT
IN A SMALL
BOAT TO
ESCAPE THE
STORM BY
MYSELF.



BUT MY
BOAT GOT
BADLY
DAMAGED.





THAT'S
WHEN I
ENCOUNTERED
A GIANT
DANGER
BEAST...



I
SUPPOSE
YOU CALL
THEM
FREAKS
HERE?

ANYWAY
I WAS
ATTACK-
ED.





THIS MARK IS A CURSE I USED WHEN I DEFEATED A STRONG ENEMY IN A WAR IN THE COUNTRY I CAME FROM.

AT FIRST, IT HURT SO BADLY I COULDN'T BEAR IT, BUT AS I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT, IT NOW FEELS LIKE MY ENTIRE BODY IS WEIGHED DOWN AND HEAVY.

I HAVE A FEELING IT WON'T END WITH ONLY THAT.

I BELIEVE IT IS EATING AWAY AT MY VERY LIFE.



WHAT REASON DID YOU HAVE FOR COMING TO THIS COUNTRY THAT YOU WOULD GO SO FAR?

DIPLO-MATIC RELATIONS?



IT WAS A PERSONAL REASON.





THEN
YOU
BELIEVE
ME?



BUT IT
TURNS OUT
YOU'RE NOT
A RUNAWAY
FROM
ANOTHER
COUNTRY.

WE
THOUGHT
THERE MIGHT
BE MORE
TO YOUR
SITUATION,
SO WE KEPT
YOU A
SECRET
FROM THE
OTHERS.



AKAME.

NOW IT
IS OUR
TURN TO
EXPLAIN
OUR-
SELVES
TO YOU.



I
BELIEVE
ANYTHING
A HOTIE
HAS TO
SAY!



THIS
SMALL
COUNTRY
HERE.

WE
ARE
IN THE
SOUKAI
NATION.

THIS
IS THE
COMPLETE
MAP OF
HAKKAI.

AT PRESENT
TWENTY-TWO
COUNTRIES
ARE LOCKED
IN A BATTLE
FOR RULE IN
THIS AGE
OF CIVIL
WAR.



FROM
WHAT I'VE
SEEN,
THIS
AREA
SEEMS
VERY
PEACEFUL,
THOUGH.



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AND THE
MAP OF THE
SURROUND-
ING AREAS
IS THIS
HERE.



WE ARE
ALLIES WITH
THE GARYULU,
AND THE
TENROU IS AN
ENEMY NATION
THAT IS TAR-
GETING OUR
TERRITORY.

HERE IS
YAENAM
VILLAGE,
WHERE
WE ARE
NOW.



THE
IMPEENIBLE
SHUN-NU
FORTRESS
BLOCKS THE
WAY HERE BY
LAND.

WHEN IT
COMES TO
MARINE
WARFARE,
THEY ARE
SECOND TO
NONE.



THE
SHUN-NU
NATION
SUBSISTS
ALONG
WITH THE
OCEAN.



...THE
DOMAIN OF
THE SHUN-NU
NATION HAS
MAINTAINED
PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY
LIKE THAT OF
A DIFFERENT
WORLD.

THAT
IS WHY,
FOR MANY
DECADES



WHEN
THOSE
TERROR
DOGS
FIND AN
OPENING,
THEY SEND
IN THEIR
TROOPS.

BUT
THAT'S NOT
TO SAY
WE'RE NOT
INVOLVED
IN THE
FIGHTING.



**I'M GOING
TO BECOME
A STRONG
GENERAL
THAT
COMMANDS
A HUGE
ARMY!**

**I'M
GONNA
RAMPAGE
ACROSS
THE
LAND!**



IF WE CAN
DISTINGUISH
OURSELVES
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

...EVEN
MEMBERS OF
THE LOWEST
CASTE OF
SOCIETY
LIKE US CAN
OBTAIN OUR
DREAMS.



**WE'RE
LEARNING
HERE SO
THAT WE
CAN PLAY
AN ACTIVE
ROLE
IN THE
FIGHT.**



BUT IT
CAN ALSO
BE WHEN
PEOPLE
SHINE THE
BRIGHTEST.

WHEN THE
WORLD IS
AT WAR, IT
IS DARK
TIMES
INDEED.



FOR ME,
IT'S ALL
ABOUT
THE
GIRLS.

I WANT
TO BE
SURROUND-
ED BY
COUNT-
LESS
NOTICES
...

...AND BE
MADE SUCH
A FUSS
OVER FROM
MORNING
UNTIL NIGHT
THAT I'LL
HAVE TO
BEG THEM
TO GIVE ME
A BREAK!



...THEY'RE PRODIGES WITH THE POWER TO BRING ABOUT THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR.

THE PEOPLE HERE KNOWING THEIR SKILLS ARE AS OF YET UNKNOWN, BUT...



AND WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, WE'RE GOING TO END THE CHAOS!

YEAH!



BY THE WAY, MASTER ELDER... DO YOU HAVE A NAME?

I WILL LOOK INTO IT, SO IN THE MEANTIME, RECUPERATE IN HINDWA'S HOME.

I HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT YOUR CURSE, JKANE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.





...THAT
NEXT TIME
THEY START
RECRUITING
SOLDIERS,
WE'LL GO TO
THE BATTLE-
FIELD.

THE
ELDER
DID
SAY...



I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR THIS
MOMENT!

FINALLY.
OUR
FIRST
OFFICIAL
BATTLE.



HEY!
HEY!

THEY'VE
PUT UP AN
OFFICIAL
RECRUIT-
MENT
BILL-
BOARD!
THE
TERROR
ARMY
IS ON
THE
MOVE!



I'VE
BEEN
TRAINING
FOR THIS.

YOU
IDOT!
JUST
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
SOMEWHAT
GOOD AT
FISHING
DOES NOT
MEAN...

YOUR
MOTHER
DIED THE
SAME
WAY, OR
DID YOU
FORGET?



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IT'LL
HURT,
BUT IT'S
BETTER
THAN
HER
DYING.

WE
NEED
TO TEACH
HER HOW
THINGS
WORK
AROUND
HERE.



YES,
I AM.

HEY!
DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'LL
BE GOING
INTO
BATTLE.
HINOWA!



**YOU
NEED TO
LEARN
TO FEAR
ADULTS!**



LIG-
TEN, HINO-
WA.
WE'RE
GOING
TO
PUNCH
YOU
NOW.

YOU CAN
HIT BACK,
NOT THAT
IT'LL
DO ANY
GOOD.



HINO-WA!



THIS WILL BE
YOUR FIRST
BATTLE, SO
I THINK IT'S
OKAY TO
USE MARTIAL
ARTS.





TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER...

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